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The report from an informal state-by-state survey lists incidents that implicate the principle of separation of church and state. The report is not meant to be a comprehensive list of every church-state problem in the United States. Rather, it is intended to be a "snapshot" of conflicts throughout the country. The document covers the period from September 1989 through August 1990. A total of 192 incidents in 46 states is recorded. The report categorizes the church-state conflicts into four areas: (1) religion in the public schools; (2) state endorsement of religion; (3) public funding of religious organizations; and (4) free exercise disputes. A state-by-state summary of incidents is included. (DB)

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Americans United Second Annual Report on Church-State Conflict in the United States

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Your voice in the battle to preserve religious liberty

INTRODUCTION

It is no overstatement to say that American church-state relations are in a state of crisis. With the federal courts providing mixed guidance on the subject and the Supreme Court on the verge of a major shift in religious liberty jurisprudence, church-state battles are escalating in communities across the nation.

Last year Americans United released its first report on the state of American church-state relations. This second report finds that not much has changed in a year. The situation has in fact deteriorated, and more incidents have been reported.

When asked by pollsters what they think of separation of church and state, most Americans say they approve of the concept. However, experience has shown that Americans have difficulty applying the principle of church-state separation in practice.

Polls have consistently shown alarmingly high numbers of Americans supporting ideas like government involvement in school prayer and tax support of religious organizations. Clearly, many Americans have a poor understanding of the meaning of religious freedom and separation of church and state, and many do not value the freedoms guaranteed to them in the First Amendment.

Ambiguous court decisions seem to contribute to church-state discord. This year's report, for instance, shows a high number of disputes over religious symbols on government property, following on the heels of a 1989 Supreme Court decision in this area that apparently served only to further cloud the issue. More often than not when disputes like this occur, the majority in a given community sides with displaying the symbol, inflaming interfaith disharmony.

Concern over Americans' lack of understanding of these issues prompted Americans United to release last year's report. This year's report is tempered by the same concern. It is Americans United's hope that by listing incidents from around the country, the organization can give some indication of the type of bitter disputes that will occur if the Supreme Court further lowers the wall of separation between church and state.

Americans United does not claim that this report is a scientific analysis. It is a compilation of incidents from the states, showing the wide variety of church-state problems that occur in the United States.

The report covers the period of September 1989 through August 1990. The incidents listed are drawn from information provided by AU members, media accounts and the action files of Americans United. Since this report focuses on the states, church-state problems at the federal level are not included.

FINDINGS

Nearly every state had at least one significant church-state problem in the period covered; incidents were recorded in all but four states. Several states reported multiple incidents. New York and California led the nation with 15 incidents apiece. Florida followed with 12 incidents, while Minnesota and Pennsylvania had 10. Illinois and Virginia had nine.

A total of 192 incidents in 46 states was recorded. This is up significantly over last year's report, which found 118 incidents in 38 states.

The report categorizes the church-state conflicts into four areas:

- **Religion in the Public Schools**: The religious neutrality of America's public schools is under almost constant attack, primarily from religious conservatives. This category includes disputes over state-sponsored school prayer, prayers before commencement and sporting events, Bible distribution, religious proselytism, "creation science" and celebration of religious holidays.

- **State Endorsement of Religion**: Although the Constitution mandates that the state will not promote religion, government officials routinely violate both the spirit and the letter of that principle. This category involves disputes over religious symbols on government property, state promotion of religious holidays, passage of symbolic sectarian resolutions, efforts to declare the United States a "Christian nation" and any entanglement between church and state.

- **Public Funding of Religious Organizations**: The United States has long followed a policy of refusing to subsidize religious groups or their schools with public money. Today this principle is being challenged by some religious bodies and critics of the nation's public education system. The category includes funding for religious schools through vouchers, tuition tax credits, bus transportation, textbook loans, etc. It also includes other types of government handouts to religion, such as land gifts and property renovations.

- **Free Exercise Disputes**: Although there are few outright attempts to ban religious practices, subtler threats to religious freedom often occur. This category includes disputes over licensing and regulation of church ministries, landmarking disputes and other claims of state meddling in private religious affairs.

The state-by-state breakdown found the following results in each category:

Religion in the Public Schools: 60 incidents in 29 states;

State Endorsement of Religion: 53 incidents in 23 states;

Public Funding of Religious Organizations: 44 incidents in 24 states;

Free Exercise Disputes: 35 incidents in 19 states.

STATE-BY-STATE SUMMARY

ALABAMA

★ The state Board of Education rejected pressure from creationists to adopt a "creation science" textbook for use in public schools.

★ A federal judge issued an injunction ordering Montgomery Mayor Emory Folmar to stop leading public prayers at public high school football games.

★ Public school officials in Cullman County were ordered to stop sponsoring a variety of religious practices in school.

ALASKA

No incidents reported.

ARIZONA

★ The American Civil Liberties Union filed suit over a cross atop an interfaith chapel at Arizona State University.

★ A federal court ruled that the state corrections department's rules governing beards and hair lengths for prisoners discriminated among religions and was unconstitutional.

★ Concerned Women for America sued a public library in Phoenix that refused to allow a local prayer group to use its facilities.

ARKANSAS

★ A federal judge ordered the public school district in Gravette to stop holding Bible classes at the elementary school.

★ Religious leaders protested the display of a creche on the Capitol steps in Little Rock.

CALIFORNIA

★ Henry Agonia, director of the state parks department, assailed separation of church and state in a magazine article and suggested that public programs be used to promote Christianity.

★ A Los Angeles man sued the city after officials refused to allow him to erect an "atheist/pagan" display at City Hall.

★ After a prolonged battle with creationists, the state Board of Education approved guidelines mandating that evolution be taught in public schools.

★ An atheist group in San Diego filed suit to block the display of a Nativity scene in Balboa Park.

★ The Los Angeles City Council allowed an orthodox Jewish group to display a 200-year-old menorah in City Hall.

★ The Fresno Social Services Department successfully sued a Hmong couple to force them to allow an operation on their son to correct his clubfeet

★ The ACLU filed a lawsuit over a 43-foot cross on Mt. Helix near San Diego.

★ The city of Lathrop agreed to remove a Latin cross from the city logo after complaints.

★ Americans United and the ACLU sued the city of San Francisco over a 103-foot cross atop Mt. Davidson.

★ A Jehovah's Witness couple successfully sued the University of California Medical Center after their son was given a blood transfusion during surgery against the parents' wishes.

★ A public school interpreter for the deaf in Moreno Valley protested a teacher's religious talks in math class.

★ Over the mayor's objections, the city council of Benicia passed a resolution in honor of the International Year of Bible Reading.

★ A federal judge in San Francisco dismissed portions of a lawsuit challenging public funding of parochial schools.

★ Christian Scientist Laurie Walker was found guilty of manslaughter after her daughter died from a failed spiritual healing attempt; Christian Science couple Mark and Susan Rippberger were found guilty of child endangerment in a similar case. In Culver City, Christian Scientists Elliot and Lise Glaser were acquitted of manslaughter charges stemming from the death of their son following an attempt at failed spiritual healing.

★ Parents in Daly City complained after public elementary school officials banned "clearly religious" songs during holiday recitals.

COLORADO

★ A federal court approved the student distribution of a religious newspaper in La Junta public schools.

★ The state supreme court upheld a tax break for a youth camp owned by a religious group.

★ A proposed state tax plan dealing with property tax exemptions for religious organizations came under fire for entangling church and state.

★ Voucher proponents failed to get a voucher proposal on the state ballot.

★ The state court of appeals ordered a Catholic woman to continue to raise her children in the Jewish faith in accordance with a divorce settlement.

CONNECTICUT

★ After a federally subsidized Salvation Army emergency shelter in New Britain refused to remove a picture of Jesus, the Department of Housing and Urban Development relaxed rules against religious symbols at publicly funded shelters.

★ The mayor of Naugatuck vowed to go to jail before removing a Nativity scene from the town green.

★ A Fairfield man erected a Nativity scene on the town green.

★ The legislature passed a law requiring municipalities to provide nursing services to private schools.

★ The Catholic hierarchy formed two new statewide groups to lobby the legislature for public aid to parochial schools.

★ A Catholic university in Bridgeport received a federal grant to offer science and math programs in public and private schools.

★ In Bridgeport Catholic education officials attempted to make an issue in the mayor's race of busing for parochial schools.

DELAWARE

No incidents reported.

FLORIDA

★ Disputes over prayers before public high school football games occurred in several counties.

★ An atheist public high school student in Brandon won the right to remain seated during the Pledge of Allegiance.

★ A federal judge upheld Hialeah's ban on animal sacrifice.

★ Bishop Thomas Daily of Palm Beach told the state it should offer public funding to parochial schools.

★ Orthodox Jews displayed menorahs at toll plazas along the state turnpike.

★ A federal judge ordered municipal officials in St. Cloud to remove a cross atop a city-owned water tower.

★ Gov. Bob Martinez gave $50,000 to the Florida General Baptist State Convention for anti-drug work.

★ A federal court refused to allow distribution of a Christian newspaper in public schools in Orange and Seminole counties.

★ Atheist groups protested a 9-foot "Christ of the Deep" statue beneath the waters off Key Largo.

★ Charlotte County education officials agreed to stop holding graduation exercises in a United Methodist Church, in an attempt to settle a lawsuit brought by a former student.

★ In Sanford student Heather Vann was told not offer prayers at baccalaureate and commencement services.

★ The state dropped "So help me God" from a written notary oath after an atheist complained.

GEORGIA

★ Students in suburban Atlanta protested when school administrators tried to stop the distribution of Christian literature in public schools.

★ A public school teacher in Toccoa was fired after she refused to stop daily Bible readings.

HAWAII

★ The federal government sued a Honolulu school, some of whose trustees are members of the Hawaii Supreme Court and state legislature, over its 103-year-old practice of hiring only Protestants.

IDAHO

★ Following a lawsuit from the ACLU, the Rockland School District severed its ties to the Mormon Church.

ILLINOIS

★ A federal judge ordered the city of Ottawa to remove a series of paintings depicting the life of Christ from a public park.

★ Municipal officials in Wauconda agreed to remove crosses from a city-owned water tower rather than face a lawsuit.

★ A federal judge ordered the city of Zion to stop using its city seal, which contains Christian symbols.

★ A controversy occurred in Belleville over a series of crosses displayed at the city square at Easter.

★ The House Executive Committee approved a voucher plan that includes parochial schools.

★ The state supreme court ruled that a 17-year-old leukemia patient had the right to refuse blood transfusions.

★ State lawmakers considered a plan to aid historic churches, but shelved the proposal until next year.

★ An atheist and an agnostic in Buffalo Grove sued the Boy Scouts, charging that the group's religious oath violates civil rights laws.

★ A federal judge issued a restraining order forbidding Crestwood officials from holding an open-air Catholic mass during an outdoor festival.

INDIANA

★ Parochial school parents in Fort Wayne demanded busing services from the local transportation authority.

★ A couple in Fishers was charged with reckless homicide after their son died from a failed spiritual healing attempt.

IOWA

★ Urbandale public school officials reversed an earlier policy and approved Christmas decorations in public elementary schools after parents complained.

★ The director of Polk County's Information Services Department was investigated for conducting religious activities during work hours and harassing employees about their religious beliefs.

KANSAS

★ A state legislative committee is studying a tuition tax deduction bill in preparation for the 1991 session of the legislature.

KENTUCKY

★ A statewide group called Kentucky Friends for Freedom and Choice in Education was launched to promote choice plans.

★ In Park Hills, parents sued the Kenton County School District over a released-time for religion program.

★ A retired educator launched a drive to have "In God We Trust" plaques mounted in public schools.

★ Parochial school officials complained over Jefferson County's plan to discontinue busing services due to a budget crunch.

LOUISIANA

★ Public education officials reconsidered their plan to create a Bureau of Non-public Education.

★ The Right to Learn Committee renewed its push for vouchers.

★ The Department of Housing and Urban Development approved $6.5 million to convert buildings owned by the Catholic archdiocese of New Orleans into public housing.

★ The Gideons agreed to stop public school Bible distribution in Rapides Parish after complaints.

★ A lawsuit challenging a number of state-run parochial school aid programs uncovered a series of abuses of public money by private religious schools.

★ The state Board of Elementary and Secondary Education voted to include parochial schools in a $4-million school enhancement grant.

★ A federal court, upholding a lower court ruling, ruled against a Moss Bluff public high school student who sued the school after she was not permitted to make a speech with religious references at graduation.

MAINE

★ A Kennebunkport woman protested a Presbyterian church's use of a public school building for services.

MARYLAND

★ Several public schools in Frederick County cancelled Halloween celebrations after some parents complained.

★ The state supreme court upheld the conviction of a street preacher arrested for being too loud outside of a Hagerstown abortion clinic.

★ A Hagerstown man fought a zoning battle to keep three large crosses on his property.

MASSACHUSETTS

★ A federal judge ordered a public school district in Bridgewater to stop renting classrooms from a Catholic church.

★ A federal court upheld a state law that allows public schools to monitor private schools within their districts.

★ A legislative drive to alter the state constitution to allow for public aid to parochial schools failed.

★ Preservation officials in Boston designated a 70-year-old synagogue as historic, over the objections of its owners.

★ Two non-profit agencies battled the Boston Catholic Archdiocese over rental leases for homeless shelters that gave the church a measure of control over the activities in the shelters.

★ A Christian Science couple, formerly of Boston, were found guilty of manslaughter after their son died following failed spiritual healing.

★ The Boston Landmarks Commission appealed a state court ruling that voided an historic preservation statute that the commission imposed on a Catholic church.

MICHIGAN

★ The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith protested the use of songs with religious messages in a performance at a Southfield public school by Miss America 1990 Debbye Turner.

★ Controversy erupted in two public school districts in suburban Detroit over Christmas celebrations in the schools.

★ The fire chief in Bay City warned churches that he would begin enforcing a local ordinance that outlaws open lighted candles in public assembly.

MINNESOTA

★ Officials with the Department of Natural Resources removed religious symbols from a state-owned wildlife sanctuary after complaints from the ACLU.

★ A Lutheran church in Dodge Center sued the state over day care regulations.

★ St. Paul residents sued the city school board over the sale of a former public school to a Jewish academy for less than half the building's value.

★ Parents in Blooming Prairie were convicted of kidnapping their daughter and attempting to "deprogram" her.

★ A local court in Hennepin County dropped manslaughter charges against a Christian Science couple whose son died after failed spiritual healing.

★ The Minneapolis City Council passed a law restricting storefront churches.

★ The state chapter of the Catholic League for Religious and Civil Rights criticized the use of an AIDS curriculum in Minneapolis public schools.

★ Public school officials in Cannon Falls rejected an appeal from creationists to include anti-evolution material in science classes.

★ A federal judge ruled that a Pentecostal church in Hastings would have to comply with the city's zoning laws and relocate.

★ A teachers' union filed suit in federal court to block a state program that allows public school students to take courses at church-related colleges at state expense.

MISSISSIPPI

★ The State Board of Education ruled that private schools must pay for standardized tests.

★ A federal court ruled that the public library in Oxford could not prohibit a Christian group from using its facilities.

MISSOURI

★ A federal court, overturning a lower court ruling, upheld a ban on public school dances in Purdy.

★ Central Missouri State University cancelled its agreement with the state Baptist Convention for Bible class instruction.

★ A federal judge in St. Louis struck down parochial school aid under the Chapter 1 program.

★ A federal court dismissed a lawsuit that sought to require vouchers for private education as a means of rectifying discrimination in public schools.

★ The state Catholic Conference lobbied the legislature for a bill that would pay for training of parochial school teachers.

MONTANA

★ Public schools in Billings wrestled with questions of religious content in December holiday programs.

NEBRASKA

★ The state legislature debated a tuition tax deduction bill.

★ A state judge, ruling in a custody battle, ordered an Omaha woman to remove her two children from a Christian school.

NEVADA

No incidents reported

NEW HAMPSHIRE

★ Americans United protested $163,000 in energy conservation grants that were given to religious organizations across the state under the governor's Energy Conservation Grants for Nonprofit Organizations program.

NEW JERSEY

★ After a lawsuit was threatened, the school board in Metuchen agreed to offer "courtesy busing" for private school students.

★ A request from a Sparta resident to erect a menorah on township grounds was rejected.

★ A dispute over religious holidays in Bernards public schools was resolved when the Board of Education voted to hold classes on Good Friday.

★ The New Jersey Association of School Administrators sued the Department of Education over funding asbestos removal at parochial schools.

★ The ACLU challenged the state's kosher law on church-state grounds, but a state court upheld the law.

★ Public school students in East Brunswick who wanted to form a Bible study protested the Board of Education's decision allowing only curriculum-related clubs to meet on campus.

NEW MEXICO

★ The Chama Valley Independent School District agreed to grant excused absences to members of the House of Yahweh religious group.

NEW YORK

★ Parents in Saratoga County successfully sued the Schuylerville Central School District over a painting of the crucifixion displayed in the high school auditorium.

★ A state court ruled that members of the Plymouth Brethren religious group could not skip AIDS classes in public schools.

★ A federal court ruled that an Episcopal church in New York City could be designated a historic landmark against its will.

★ Orthodox Jews displayed a menorah in a Rochester public park.

★ Clergy members were placed in public schools in Mount Vernon to help students with "teen problems."

★ A Buffalo school board voted to refuse to allow a Catholic group to have access to a public school.

★ A Syracuse man sued the city housing authority over a religious program for children conducted inside a community center on the premises of a public housing complex.

★ The state school boards association filed a challenge to the formation of an Hasidic public school district in Kiryas Joel.

★ The state court of appeals ruled that the government cannot force an adult to receive medical treatment, ruling in the case of a Jehovah's Witness who refused a blood transfusion.

★ New York Cardinal John J. O'Connor pressured public education officials to provide anti-drug counselors on premises at Catholic schools, in violation of court rulings.

★ Buffalo Mayor James Griffin came under fire for allowing city work crews to pave parking lots and sidewalks at local Catholic churches.

★ The state legislature dropped plans to adopt an official hymn of mourning after church-state concerns were raised.

★ A public school in Oswego agreed to allow a student to perform a "Christian rap" at a talent show after complaints from a Religious Right group.

★ A federal court ruled that Rastafarians at prisons in the state could keep their dreadlocks.

★ In New York City, public health officials agreed to allow Catholic agencies that serve AIDS patients to receive public funds without following regulations imposed on other agencies.

NORTH CAROLINA

★ A federal judge struck down a state law exempting the Bible from sales tax.

★ The ACLU asked the Davie County Board of Education to stop allowing the Gideons to distribute Bibles to fifth grade public school students.

★ Five lawyers in Charlotte sued a federal judge who opens court proceedings with prayers.

NORTH DAKOTA

★ A coalition of businesses challenged the state's mandatory Sunday closing law.

OHIO

★ Officials at Wright State University agreed to alter a church-based scholarship program after church-state concerns were raised.

★ Officials at a school for the retarded in Tallmadge agreed to allow teachers and adult students to meet for an on-site Bible study.

★ Mayor Donald J. Kainrad of Ravenna assailed church-state separation during an anti-pornography crusade.

★ The Ohio Association for Public Education and Religious Liberty protested state funding of two religious schools in the state.

★ In Toledo parents objected to a school board member who attempted to block, on religious grounds, a school district's "latchkey" program for children after school.

★ A federal judge in Cleveland removed the words "in the Year of Our Lord" from Lorain County marriage certificates after a rabbi raised church-state concerns.

★ Michael Fox, a Republican state legislator, drafted an experimental voucher bill that would permit public funding of religious schools.

OKLAHOMA

★ Lawton city and Comanche County employees sold engraved bricks to raise funds for the "Holy City," a section of land in the Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge.

OREGON

★ A statewide group collected enough signatures to put a parochiaid referendum question on the November ballot.

★ A public high school in Gervais was threatened with the loss of $226,000 in state funds because a school board member insisted on praying during commencement services.

★ The superintendent of public schools ruled that the Lewis and Clark School District, near Astoria, improperly used the Bible in eighth-grade literature courses.

PENNSYLVANIA

★ A federal court upheld a state law forbidding teachers to wear religious garb in public school classrooms.

★ Pittsburgh officials were forced to allow the display of a menorah at the City-County Building after the Supreme Court refused to intervene.

★ Catholic officials in Pittsburgh worried that the city's passage of a gay rights measure could force them to give up public funds.

★ The state House passed a resolution urging sports teams to cancel games on Good Friday.

★ A school board official in Downingtown offered a prayer at commencement exercises, despite a court ban.

★ Students at a public high school in Prospect Park sued the school after they were denied permission to hand out religious tracts.

★ Commissioners in Bucks County permitted the display of a Nativity scene in the county courthouse.

★ A federal appeals court ruled that a Bucks County school district must permit the use of school facilities for public events sponsored by religious groups.

★ An 11-year-old public school student sued an elementary school in Pottstown after she was denied permission to deliver a report on the "power of God."

★ State officials launched a plan to bailout a financially troubled Catholic hospital in Philadelphia.

RHODE ISLAND

★ A federal court barred graduation prayers at a Providence public school.

★ A Hmong couple successfully sued the state after an autopsy was performed on their son against their wishes.

★ A Catholic priest led a commencement prayer at a public school in Cumberland, despite a court ban.

★ A state court ordered Bishop Louis Gelineau to answer a series of questions related to a case of clergy child molestation.

SOUTH CAROLINA

★ An atheist ran for governor to test the constitutionality of the state's ban on public office to non-believers.

SOUTH DAKOTA

★ A state court refused to give an exemption to a man who claimed his religious convictions prevent him from purchasing automobile insurance.

TENNESSEE

★ The Board of Education in Sweetwater dropped Bible classes from the curriculum after parents complained.

★ A federal judge ruled that public high school officials in Wilson County violated the Equal Access Act by not permitting students to form a Bible club.

★ Nashville taxpayers threatened to file a lawsuit over the issuance of $15 million in tax-free bonds to David Lipscomb University, a school affiliated with the Churches of Christ.

TEXAS

★ An atheist group sued two public schools in the Corpus Christi area over Bible instruction courses.

★ Nueces County Sheriff James Hickey announced he would not assist in the arrest of anti-abortion demonstrators, citing his belief that "God's law" is higher than man's law.

★ A Houston public school principal was criticized for promoting off-campus Bible study classes.

★ Baptist public school students were encouraged to meet at flagpoles for a prayer session on the first day of school.

★ The Irving school board voted 5-2 to reject a proposal to create a limited open forum for student-led groups, including Bible clubs, on campus.

UTAH

★ A federal court ruled in favor of a St. George man who sued the city over its use of religious symbols on the city seal; the court also said the city cannot offer free lighting to a local Mormon temple.

★ The ACLU sued two public school districts over prayers at graduation and athletic events.

★ The owner of a Salt Lake City limousine company unsuccessfully sued the Mormon Church over political lobbying.

VERMONT

★ A federal court ruled that an Orthodox Jewish group could not erect a menorah in front of the Burlington city hall.

VIRGINIA

★ A lawsuit was filed in state court to block the issuance of $60 million in tax-free industrial bonds to the Rev. Jerry Falwell's Liberty University.

★ Education officials in Prince William County agreed to allow a 10-year-old girl to read the Bible on the school bus.

★ A federal court, overturning a lower court ruling, denied jobless benefits to a woman who belonged to the Holiness religious group who had quit her job to follow her husband to a new city.

★ A federal court struck down the display of a creche at the Albemarle County Courthouse in Charlottesville.

★ A Virginia Beach man filed suit against the state's ban on Sunday hunting.

★ The Christian Coalition, a Religious Right group founded by TV preacher Pat Robertson, said it would go to court to protect the use of a sectarian sex education brochure in Chesapeake public schools.

★ The school board in Rockingham County voted to end its practice of handing out Bibles to graduating seniors.

★ Public education officials in Shenandoah County agreed to disassociate themselves with a religious released-time program to settle a lawsuit.

★ A coalition formed to seek busing subsidies for parochial school students.

WASHINGTON

★ The Spokane County Planning Department granted a variance to the Mormon Church to build a religious instruction facility adjacent to a public high school.

★ A group formed to push for public aid to private schools.

★ The state supreme court ruled that the Seattle Landmarks Preservation Ordinance cannot be applied to houses of worship.

★ Eugene residents protested the display of a stone copy of the Ten Commandments in front of the city hall.

WEST VIRGINIA

★ Three Morgan County ministers were threatened with jail after they refused to testify about a confession a suspected burglar had made to them.

WISCONSIN

★ The state legislature passed an experimental voucher bill, which is being challenged in court.

★ Parents in Madison complained after Christmas trees and religious songs were removed from Sandburg Elementary School.

★ After concerns over church-state separation were raised, a Milwaukee public high school ended its involvement with a teen pregnancy prevention program sponsored by a Baptist church.

★ Officials in Colfax decided to discontinue permitting religious groups to use village buildings.

WYOMING

No incidents reported.